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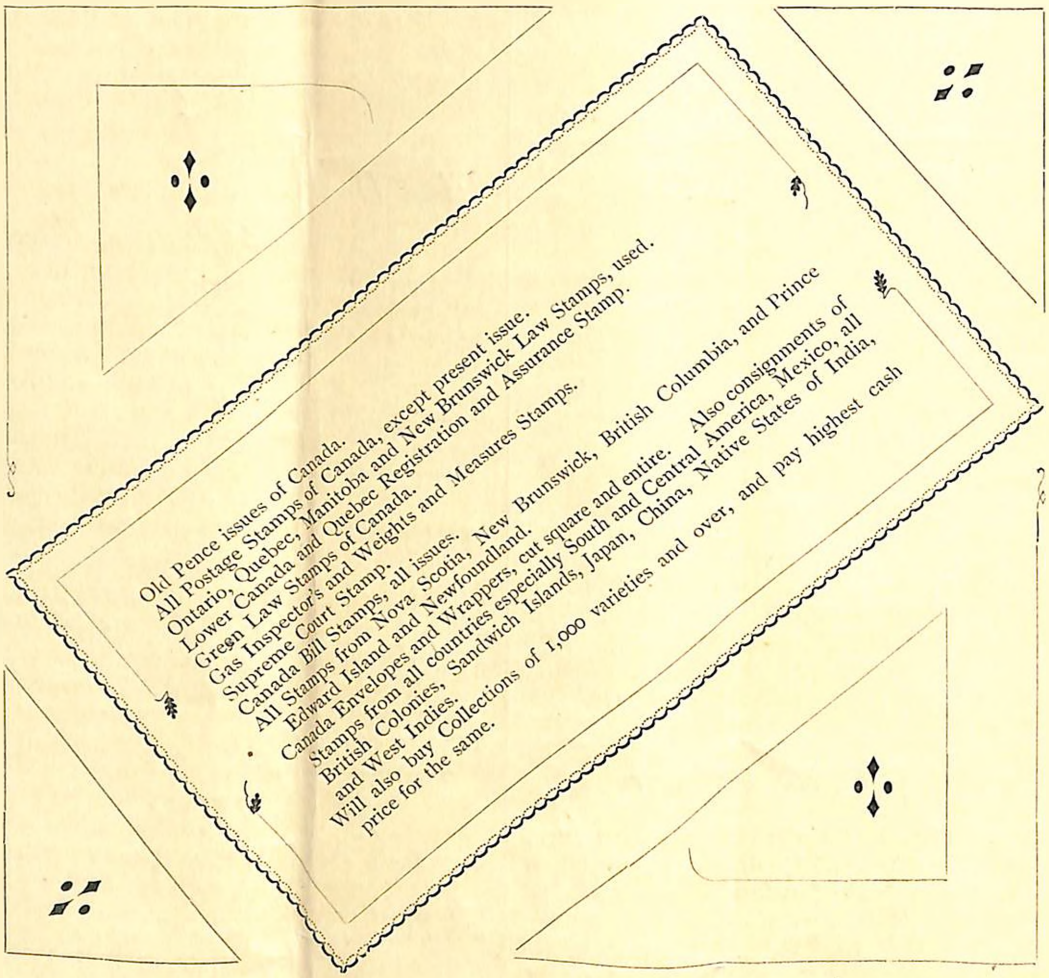
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The presentation on Saturday to Mr. W. H. Griffin, the late Deputy Postmaster-General of Canada, was an occurence of more than passing interest. Mr. Griffin, is probably the oldest official the Dominion has. He entered the public service as long ago as 1831, and has occupied the position of Deputy Minister, or head of the Postal Department, since June 12, 1857—thirty-one-years. It has fallen to the lot of few men to point to so long and to so honourable a record as that attaching to Mr. Griffin's name.

The changes Mr. Griffin has witnessed since 1831, when he began his official career, have been numerous and sweeping. In the year mentioned, and for twenty years afterwards the people of Canada were not bothered with postal concerns. The Imperial Government managed the post-office and gave us all the facilities it deemed desirable or necessary for the exchange of communications. The first official to regulate the postal business in what is now Canada was no less important a person than Benjamin Franklin, whose jurisdiction as Deputy Postmaster-General extended from Pennsylvania northward. Franklin had at Quebec a postmaster named Hugh Finlay. After the declaration of independence Mr. Finlay received the appointment of Deputy Postmaster-General for all Canada. He had in 1791 eleven post-offices under his management one as far west as Mackinaw and one as far east as the Baie des Chaleurs. He gave a weekly mail between Quebec and Montreal, and a monthly mail for the Western country. In 1800 Mr. George Heriot succeeded to the post. He gave Canada twenty-six post-offices. Seventeen years later, under Mr. Daniel Sutherland the number was increased and the mails were multiplied. A daily mail was established between Quebec and Montreal and a weekly mail between Montreal and Toronto. Mr. Stayner, his successor brought the number of post-offices in 1831, the year in which Mr. Griffin entered the service, up to 151. During all this time the carrying of letters was a profitable business. There was, for example, a profit of $21,000 in 1824 and of $47,000 in 1831, all which sums were duly remitted to England to swell the Imperial revenue. The rates, however, were exceedingly high. It cost eighteen cents to send a letter from Toronto to Kingston, and thirty cents to send one to Montreal. The charge for sending a weekly paper through the mails was a dollar a year, as much as the paper now costs, and the postage on a daily was over two dollars a year. When in 1851 Canada took charge of the postal service, reforms were promptly inaugurated. The postage on all letters to all destinations in Canada, was reduced to six cents per half ounce, and the cost of the ocean postage from Toronto was brought down to sixteen cents. Under Mr. Griffin the rates on letters have been brought down from six cents to five cents and, in 1868, from five cents to three cents. A one-cent rate has been adopted for city deliveries; one-cent postage stamps have also been introduced; and newspapers have been given the freedom of the mails. Post-offices to the number of 7,534 have been established, and a perfect system of communication with all points, including reciprocal postal relations with other countries, has been created. The post-office savings bank, the postal money order, and the system of registration have been given in addition during Mr. Griffin's regime.

All that is wanted now is a two-cent in the place of the three-cent postage. One obstruction stands in the way of this reform. It is the deficit in the working expenses, which last year amounted to $854,845. Mr. Griffin probably could not advise the Ministers under whom he served to take the responsibility of a further reduction in the revenue. But he has done a good work without that, and deserves, as a result, to be remembered by the public as a worthy official.—*From Daily Mail, Oct. 24.*

—The constitution of the C. P. A. is now ready and will be mailed to members at once.

—Our membership has reached 169 and 10 applications; this is a good showing for first 11 months. Look out, A. P.A., we're after you.

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THE CANADIAN WATERMARKED STAMPS OF 1868.

SEVERAL articles have appeared of late relating to the watermarked stamps of 1868, and as I am the one that called the attention of the collecting world to the fact that they existed I hereby submit what proof I have of their existence:

First, I will ask those of you who have in your Philatelic libraries "The Philatelist" (an English publication) for 1870, to take a look at the February number of the same and therein an article on the stamps of "British North America," by W. Dudey Attee, you will find the following: "Issue for Confederation, April, 1868, Three Cent vermillion, carmine, vermillion and brownish red. Note.—There is also in the last series of adhesives a Three Cent printed on paper *watermarked* with maker's name; these were most probably issued after the thin paper and before the usual stout paper emissions."

You will notice that the extract copied above speaks only of the three cent being on watermarked paper, but the one cent red also appears on same paper, as I have two specimens of each in my possession.

Also the official list of paper used in printing these stamps is as follows: One cent, red, and three cent, red, on the following papers: Thin wove paper, thick wove paper, laid paper and paper water-marked with maker's name.

Now I think the above proof is sufficient to satisfy any one who wants to be satisfied that they are a distinct issue and one just as worthy of being classed as separate varieties as Mexican stamps on ruled paper, or U. S. stamps with embossing on back.

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C. P. R. TELEGRAPH STAMP.

I had the pleasure some days ago of seeing one of the above stamps for the first time and must say it is a very handsome stamp, indeed. It is used by the officials of the Company to frank their messages, and only a few of them are used, so they are quite rare. They are almost square, black on white, and in a circle in centre we have an outline map of North America and several of the chief points with which this Company have connections, are worked on it; on one side of this circle we have 18 and on the other side 87, the two making the date of issue, viz., 1887, while at top and bottom we have the name of the company.

COUNTERFEITS OF BRITISH COLUMBIAN STAMPS.

BY WILLIAM B. HALE.

In this I will treat of the differences between the original and counterfeit stamps of British Columbia and Vancover's Island, most of which are quite rare.

As in many other counterfeits these are printed on thick, smooth paper, which does not admit of good perforation, and by the use of too much ink they appear somewhat blurred.

With the aid of a magnifying glass many differences can be detected in the individual stamp. In the 2½d. 1861 a gouge is noted just below the hair, the eye is imperfect, the eyelid solid, the background is uneven and there is no separation between the upper line of the hair and the background. In the word *British* the letter *t* is lower than *Bri* and *ish*. The perforation on the sides comes nearer to the impression than it does on the top and bottom.

In the issue of 1865 the lips, eye and crown of the Queen's head are imperfect and there are blotches at the bottom of oval and at extreme right. In the word *Vancouver e* is contracted and *n* expanded and in the word *Island* the letters *an* are expanded and *d* resembles an *o*. In the word *five* the spaces between the letters are of unequal length.

The 1868-9 issue consists of different values surcharged on the three-pence type of 1864 which was printed in various colours. In the counterfeits the block is heavily worked and the design faint. The ornamental work in the corners is defective, the letters are imperfect and in the crown there are four jewels on the right and six on the left. In the surcharge the spacing in the word *cents* is unequal.

Cancelations, not post-marks, are always found on these counterfeits. The 1861 issue is generally heavily obliterated by the cancelation to conceal the defects. —*From "Eastern Philatelist"*

C. P. A. NOTES.

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